

**CITY OF BURIEN, WASHINGTON**  
**Parks and Recreation Advisory Board**  
**June 8, 2011**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Annie Morton	Cynthia Raufmann-Trewartha	Sheryl Knowles
Hiede Holmes	Ed Dacy	Jean Spohn

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Chris Ndifon

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Steve Roemer, Parks Development and Operations Manager  
Dori Babcock, Healthy Eating, Active Living Project Coordinator

**GUESTS PRESENT:**

None

Sheryl Knowles, Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

**CITIZENCOMMENT:**

None

**ADDITIONS TO AGENDA:**

The agenda was approved 6/0/0

**MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING:**

The minutes from the May meeting were approved, 6/0/0.

**AGENDA and ACTION ITEMS**

**Healthy Eating Active Living**

Dori Babcock presented information about a project to improve the quality and availability of non-processed, fresh food. King County provided grant funding to multiple agencies, including the City of Burien for this project.

One of the goals is to improve access so people can walk to stores providing healthy food. Highline School District and Burien are having discussions regarding allowing public access to school yards as additional 'recreational' facilities for families to use outside of school hours. A joint use agreement will be negotiated starting in October. There are some areas of Burien listed from past studies as areas of concern related to available fresh food and produce by the National Center for Disease Control. (One can type in zip code and discover this statistic.) Average is 2 fruits or vegetables per day where 5-9 is recommended. 70% surveyed would like to be able to walk to a grocery

store that sells fresh fruits and vegetables. The comprehensive plan will identify metrics for defining access to stores by walking or cycling. Dori will sponsor outreach groups to identify opportunities for food access. She is working with the UW center for Livable Communities.

### **Discussion of Seahurst Park Rules**

Ed identified sections of the rules that are not being followed. Specifically, dogs are off leash and there is harvesting of marine animals. Noted that Seahurst and Eagle Landing parks are designated marine reserves. We urge that signage be placed by the Parks Department describing what a marine reserve is and what that means for public behavior. Steve has signs that are drafted and will bring wording on them to the next meeting. Annie is of the opinion that it will take active monitoring and issuing fines to gain compliance for the above rules.

Sheryl and Ed note that people are often stranded in Seahurst Park after dusk (half hour after sunset). The result is damage to the park or the gate if they need to get their vehicle out. There are two park hours signs posted and staff announces park closing prior to lockup, but on occasion visitors may need to call a tow company to let the vehicle out. Sheryl suggested adding an additional sign further down the road saying that the gate will be locked and a fee charged for an after hour response to open gate.

### **Discussion of 2010 Parks Board Annual Report**

Steve distributed the draft report and wants to have suggested edits from Board members by 3:00 PM next Tuesday.

### **PROS Plan**

Steve distributed the plan for gathering information from surveys, interviews, community meetings. 800 surveys have already been returned. Steve noted that GIS surveys of parks are in the works. As a member of the Transportation Steering Committee, Steve will advocate for designing walking routes between destinations, to include park locations.

### **Update on Park Capital and Operations**

Regarding the Seahurst project, as soon as the federal budget is better clarified for the Army Corps, Steve is anticipating the signing of a Project Partnership Agreement with the Corps and to start on final design.

Regarding the SWSSD district work, the re-align sewer line will be directionally bored, rather than placed in an open trench. This should reduce impacts to the park and visitors. The SWSSD work should be completed in October.

An Eagle Scout will complete the structure to house the eagle sculpture at Eagle Landing Park at the end of July.

Fountain in Town Square has been working for a week.

Parks will have a booth at the Wild Strawberry festival.

#### **FOR THE GOOD OF THE ORDER**

- Ed noted that would like to see return of the star gazing events at Seahurst Park and he will research further options for 2012.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS AND/OR QUESTIONS**

- Community Garden topics, as necessary.
- Parks Capital projects and operations updates.
- Informal recreation opportunities in parks.
- Potential for future dog park or off-leash areas.
- Discussion of Seahurst Rules and Regulations
- PROS Plan
- Health and Wellness Programming
- Potential for future B-Patch
- Tobacco Use in Parks
- Signage for Seahurst designated as marine reserve
- Astronomy events

The next meeting is July 13, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29pm

Submitted by Jean Spohn, Secretary